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Applicant : Hiroyuki OSADA et al.

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For : MUTANT PLK PROTEIN AND GENE ENCODING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 17, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is originally set in the Office Action to expire on February 17, 2006, this response is filed concurrently with a Request for Three-Month Extension of Time and the required fee. If any additional fee is deemed to be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application, including any extension of time fees for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.